

Undiscovered Country

We had looked forward to another “good six months” but something happened that has never happened before: the entire wargame industry was hit by the recession. It has been an article of faith that wargames are recession proof. Happy, people buy games. Bored, unemployed people buy games to keep their minds occupied. Good times or bad, the wargame industry cruised on.

This time, lots of wargamers, genuinely terrified that they might not have a job (or a house, or insurance) next month or next year, decided to “keep that \$20 in my pocket — just in case” and sales (for the entire industry, not just ADB, Inc.) plummeted like the housing market. This cost us some sales, and delayed the expensive *Star Fleet Marines* to next year.

The economy and national mood has now improved, and we're on track for a good 2011.

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